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(b) Government are examining the question of the incidence of the court-fees in another connection. No decision has been taken so far.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, in view of the fact that the court fees are still high, will the Government reconsider their decision and reduce the fees?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have explained the position yesterday while replying to the discussion on 'Administration of Justice'. I have stated that the expenditure exceeds the income and therefore nobody can contend with this taxation.

SRI S. LAZAR : Sir, is it not a fact that the Law Commission as well as the Taxation Enquiry Commission considered the argument put forward by the Hon. Minister yesterday, namely, that this in itself is not reducing or going to reduce the cost of litigation? Is it not a fact that these two bodies have met these two points and still hold the court-fee should be reduced?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the point that is stressed by these Commissions and other bodies has been that it should not be a taxation measure but only a fee. I have pointed out that it is only a fee and not taxation.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Should the public have to pay to get justice?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The public have to pay for all the amenities that they get.

Land Colonization Scheme for ex-Servicemen

* 518 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to provide small-scale industries and improve the Land Colonization Schemes for the ex-Servicemen in this State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech includes revision by the Member.]

II.—PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

SRI C. R. RAMASWAMI : Sir, with your kind permission, I would like to make a personal explanation.

MR. SPEAKER : About what?

SRI C. R. RAMASWAMI : It is about a speech made by the hon. Member Sri C. N. Annadurai. When speaking on the general discussion of the budget, he referred to the 'Who is who' of the Madras Legislature, wherein he said that I have mentioned